

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sig H. BADT, JR.

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For:

METHOD AND MESSAGE THEREFOR OF MONITORING THE SPARE

CAPACITY OF A DRA NETWORK

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 14, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11 and 15 by way of replacement as follows. For convenience all pending claims are set forth as follows, and a marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed in the Appendix.

1. (Previously Amended) A method of mapping a topology of the spare capacity of a telecommunications network having a plurality of nodes interconnected with working and spare links, comprising the steps of:



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DIRECTOR OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

FEE CA	ALCULATION	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREV. PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTA	AL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	20	0	\$18	\$ 0.00	
INDE	P. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	0	\$84	\$ 0.00	
Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of February 14, 2003 to and through May 12, 2003, for an extension of: One month (\$110) Two months (\$410) Three months (\$930) Four months (\$1450)								
			T	OTAL ADDITIO	ONAL FEE DU	E:	\$ 0.00	
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.							
\boxtimes	No additional fee is required.							
	Payment of \$ by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.							
	The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-2491, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17							

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on May 12, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

Reg. No. 44658

Date: May 12, 2003